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1. REF ENCLOSURE RE FRG PLAN TO SEND ADVISORS TO KUALA LUMPUR RAISES SOME QUESTIONS. IT NEWS TO US THAT SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW HAS ADVISED MALAYSIA THAT AFTER 1975 IT COULD NO LONGER USE SINGAPORE FACILITIES FOR REPAIR OF MALAYSIAN NAVAL VESSELS. CAN KUALA LUMPUR OR BONN SOURCE CONFIRM?

2. COULD SOURCE HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO POSSIBILITY THAT PRESENT MALAYSIAN NAVAL BASE (KD MALAYA) ON NORTH COAST OF SINGAPORE ISLAND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO MALAYSIA INDEFINITELY? DAO HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT MALAYSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS HERE SOMEWHAT UNEASY ABOUT LENGTH OF MALAYSIA'S TENURE AT KD MALAYA, ALTHOUGH SINGAPORE DEFENSE MINISTER DR. GOH KENG SWEE FEW DAYS AGO ASSURED VISITING HIGH-RANKING US NAVAL OFFICER THAT SINGAPORE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH CONTINUING MALAYSIAN NAVAL PRESENCE SO LONG AS MALAYSIANS CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR RENT.

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3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR: IS THE HARBOR FOR MALAYSIAN
NAVAL VESSELS FOR WHICH FRG SENDING TECHNICAL
ADVISORS ACTUALLY IN VICINITY CSALA LUMPUR OR POSSIBLY
AT PLANNED MALAYSIAN NAVAL BASE AT LUMUT? OR DOES THIS
REFER TO THE PLANNED MALAYSIAN SHIPYARD AT PASIR GUDANG ON THE
STRAITS OF JAHORE?
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